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JANET LEE

In the Shadow of the Gallows.

BY DAVID LOWRY.

CHAPIER VI-Continue l. "'Tis not of him I was speaking. Would that all the world were like Master Lee."
"Who, then, of the I ees-"

"If you command me to speak plainly-"I command nething, nor can I, by virtue of my office, command any man. I simply execute the will of those in authority, as you well know. And I tell thee, Galas Ellis, 7 like not the duties of

my office in ill times. God save us all from making more of our office than strict, even justice calls for in perilous seasons."
The Marshal of Salem exhibited more

feeling than he had ever been known to Giles Ellis, too, locked very grae now.

"Since you speak so plain, Master Hobbs, I must even speak as plain in return, lest you misconstrue my mean ng.

And since you are a friend of John Lee's, all the more rea on for plain speaking.
It is said some of his family has dealings with the evil one."

"It is said!" the Marshal repeated, in visible alarm. "Oh! an it come no closer than it is said!"

than 'it is said'-"I do not say it of my own accord. 'Tis in friendship I say it. Neither can I say anything touching this of my own know!-

edge. I but do this to advise you in time, so you may prepare John Lee in case you are compelled to do your

relieved; "so you know nothing more than idle rumor?" "Nothing but what report says."

"Aye, but report as you know well, may haug the best man in Salem But I'll make a note of it, and I thank thee, Giles Ellis, for a timely warning. And, now what is this time?"

the monstrous cruelty, but Giles antici-

"An it go no farther, it is said that if the truth were known some there are in John Lee's household who could explain how John Winslow's horse and lambs

"'I'is past belief," said the Marshal.
"Mistress Lee is as kindly as any woman in Salem. Janet is as like her mother as any daughter born of woman may be. 'Tis a thing past all belief."
"I am glad we are of one mind, Master

"I am glad we are of one mind, Master Hobbs. But if the people will talk—aye, and if any accuse John Lee of harboring witches.—"
"Why, then, I will say 'tis false. I will stake my life on it."
"Easy, Master Hobbs."
"True—I had forgot. There is his apprentice—but there is neither force for much good or evil in Ezra Easty—and as do you for the maid-it would go hard with me

"That I believe, and it does you credit." Giles E lis answered. "My interest in the welfare of the family is so great I could not forbear speaking to you

"A very proper man, and a kindlier than I had thought him," said the Marshal to himsel when Giles Ellis passed on. "A very good citizen. I will do my best to defend John Lee from foolish and evil tongues. No harm shall come to him or his an I can prevent it.'

Pondering thus, the Marshal of Salem pursued his way, marveling at the evil

CHAPTER VII. LIKE A FLASH OF LIGHTNING FROM A CLEAR

SKY. Silence reigned in and about John Lee's house; the restful calm of a quet, well-ordered, happy home prevailed. The

eld-fashioned clock in a high case, made by John Lee, ticked loudly, measuring the hours with a precision that seemed a characteristic of John Lee's movements. public or private. Whather at home or abroad, in all his dealings with the world, everything was done precisely, promptly,

A man of few words, save when speech was a virtue, no man in Salem had proved in time of need a man of action as plainly as John Lee.

Derothea Lee and her daughter Janet met each other in the narrow passeg; to their sleeping apartment. The mother was on the point of speaking. Janet also seemed to be framing a speech, but be-fore either found suitable words, John Lee's voice was heard, saying:

Dorothea, it is time for worship." Dorothea turned and entered the room where John Lee sat, saying to Janet:

"Speak to Ann " Presently Ann and Ezra Easty followed Janet into the room, where John Lee sat, with a precompied air, while his wife handed him the Bible from a shelf, and so ted herself near her hus-band. John Lee took his spectaces from treir case carefully, rubbed them slowly with his handker hief, like one in deep thought, placed the Bible on his knee, glanced at the light, and spoke in grave

"These are troublesome times. We are surrounded with perils. There are things said and done such as only the evil one can instigate. I have lived in dangerous times. I have seen enough to convince me that a providence overrules the wisest of mankind. But I have never known, nor do I believe there ever was a time wher men stood more in need of the counsel and comfort given in this book"-John Lee's fingers seemed to caress the cover of the well-worn Bible on his knee-"than at the present time. Every home is threatened. No man or woman knows threatened. the moment they may be called upon to enswer charges that the vilest would blush to meet. No house is secure, no

man or woman's life so free from re-A loud knock on the door caused Ezra Easty to bounce on his seat. He c st a terrified look at Ann Bigger; she, too was in a tremor. Janet Lee rose quietly and opened the door. Samuel Hobbs, the Marshal of Salem, entered. John Lee placed the Bible on the table at his elbow.

and rose. You are somewhat late, if you are come on business-but you are always welcome, as you well know," said John

The Marshal did not take the seat proffered him. On the contrary, he looked like a man ill at ease. He moved his hands ureasily, and stammered when he

"The business is none of my choosing. I never d d more unwilling work-never

"Since that is the case, the sooner the business is dispatched the better. Speak out freely. The way is open to

"My business concerns you nearly."
"Sty you so, Samuel?" John Lee
looked down and reflected. "Does it concern any one beyond those you see here?

A silence fell upon the little circle so oppressive that Ezra Easty was sure the Marshal could hear his heart throbbing. At last John Lee, still standing with his face to the Marshal of Salem, broke the

"Since it concerns all here, what may your errand be?"

The Marshal strove to clear his throat,

but could not on the instant. He looked at Dorothea Lee's face. She was regarding him caimly; if there was more than reasonable surprise or curiosity, her eyes did not reveal it. Junet Lee contemplated her mother and father with an undisturbed countenance. At last the Marshal cleared his throat, and with hat in hand, in a voice that was far from clear,

"I came as a friend, rather than in my

official capacity."
"For which I thank you," John Lee answered. Then leaning nearer the Mar-shal, he added: "Speak on. As friend, or Marshal of Salem, I am ready to lis-ten. What may thy errand be, Muster

"I came to warn you you are suspected

of harboring witches."
Upon hearing this, Ann Bigger made the sign of the cross in the air unperceived by the others. Ezra Easty's kness trembled, his teeth were inclined to chatter; but he braced hims If firmly on his seat, looking with shifting, fearful glances at the Marshal, the picture of ab-

jectfear.
"Witches! God save all here!" exclaimed Dorothea Lee, standing upricht in her slatm. Janet Lee alone lookel calmly from her parents to the Marshal. John Lee made a movement as though he would recent the charge then reconsidwould resent the charge, then reconsidered, turned toward his wife, and, lealizing that the amazement in her coun-"Oh!" exclaimed the Marshal, greatly lieved; "so you know nothing more than and sank into his sent overwhelmed, sturefied with amazement and horror that

could find no utterance in words.

The Marshal did not anticipate the effect his words produc d. He seemed, now that he had accomplished his errand, at a loss what to say or do next. He looked from one to the other, advanced low was in everybody's mouth. The Marshal of Salem was on the point of asking Giles if any of Lee's family were suspected or mentioned in connection with the monstrous cruelty, but Giles and the monstrous cruelty, but Giles and the connection with the monstrous cruelty, but Giles and the connection with the monstrous cruelty, but Giles and the connection with the monstrous cruelty, but Giles and the connection with the monstrous cruelty, but Giles and the connection with the monstrous cruelty, but Giles and the connection with the connectio

CHAPTER VIII. THE SHADOWS IN THE HOUSE.

On the day following the visit of the Marshal, Ann Bigger and Ezra Easty ap-proached each other when unobserved, casting furtive glances from side to side as they availed themselves of the first op-portunity to speak.
"Did I not tell you pride would have a

fall?" said Ann.
"And have I not said, time and again, water will find its level?"

Yes; more times than you need. 'Tis the one thing comes out of your head.
And if you say no wiser thing folks will
think you are empty-headed. Water is
sure to find its level—what mystery is in

"Since you take me up so sharp, why Because I would make a man of you indeed to be compelled to take any of if you would let me. But I was saying, see how our Janet goes about now. No see how our Janet goes about now. No longer high-headed is she. But, truth to tell, I never would have looked for

> "My sister says it's a sure sign witches are near when a cow turns three times and holds her nose out. Anl I can be sworn our cow did so this morn."
> "Did she so?" Ezra's eyes were opened

"But nothing is so bad as to meet a black dog on the road. A wise man or woman turns back, and is sure to eat,

if it's only a bite-a crust."
"My tongs fell out of my hand yesterday, and the bit fell from master's plane Ann held a hand up, warningly.

"I thought some one was near. I found a straw lying across the door when

I ope sed it this morning. That is a sign of evil. Worse still," Ann moved nearer the apprentice, "I found the broom lying fair across a crack in the floor. It's all come of Martin Lee's wickedness, I'll be bound. He is a wicked man, else master would not quarrel with mistress

"But master is not to blame. I beard him say-and so did you-that his brother deserved no better than others from the law-meaning the worst the law could do

"Look! Look!" Ann exclaimed; wherenpen Ezra glanced around and beheld a lurge spider swinging in the air. Kill it!" Ann hissed, as she seized a poker and struck the spider. Instead, she hit Ezra upon the knuckles, who whipped his hand to his mouth and blew

on it lustily. The spider fell and disappeared in a cack. Now, I'll swear there are witches in

the house. That is one of their familiars. You saw it as plain as I did."
"Hush!" Ezra said, "here comes the

But John Lee passed on, paying no at-ention to them. When he was out of tention to them. earshot Ezra said:

Wonders will never cease. first time he found me out of the shop and did not ask why I was idling. There is more in this than the Marshal sus-

There is much more than any one knows," said Ann Bigger; "but some things I know. I know milk and cake are stolen. See!" pointing to the dresser. put more cakes there an hour ago than would serve the family."
"Who has taken them?"

"That is the question I would like to newer. Who?"

answer. Who but the mistress or Jauet." "Why should they take the cake?" "My mind misgives me; 'tis mistress or

As if to illustrate the saying, listeners hear no good of themselves, Janet en-It was one of Janet Lee's marked traits that she never beat about the bush, but went to the point at once.

"What were you saying of me, Ann?"
As the apprentice and Ann looked at each other, Janet added, quickly:
"Do I look like a witch, that you should

The apprentice and Ann, marveling at the suddenness with which she came on them, and remembering the spider, were frightened, and betrayed it in their looks. Ann edged to the door and disappeared without answering. Ezra, trembling, followed her quickly, and Janet was left

As the servants withdrew, a handsome young man, with an expression of candor and a bearing indicating high breed-ing, entered. As he approached, Janet eld up a finger warningly.
"Are you not afraid to come near me?"

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"What is this I hear?" the young man said, with concern.

"Do you not see? I am a witch, Ar-

"I have said so many times. He would have said more, but she cov-

ered his lips with her hands.
"Hush! if the Parris children said the

"Hush! if the Parris children said the half you have said, it would hang them. Call me anything but a witch. 'Tis no true-love term to me in these times."

Arthur Proctor replied lightly, "What is this story Ann Bigger's sister tells? Is it true your father is charged with harboring wi'ches?"

"Oh, Arthur!" Janet exclaimed, in a houst of passion which surprised her

burst of passion which surprised her lover, "I do not care for mysesf! but my father and my poor mother! Do you think there is d nger?"

To which Arthur Precetor soberly re-

p'ied. considering well each word:
"We cannot tell what is or what is not a serious matter. The slightest jests may prove terrible earnest. There are those

who make mountains out of mole-hills.
The father of lies is loose."

"Shame on the people of Salem, then,"
exclaimed Janet Lee. "Who has done
more for Salem than my father? Was he not foremost in the fight with the Ind ans? Did he not stand guard that Salem might sleep sifely? Who was it ran into Polly Turner's house when it was burning, and carried her out in his arms? There is no truer man in Salem than John Lee, No more God-fearing man or kinder. And all knowthere is no gontler woman—none more generous to the poor, or more considerate - than my mother, else she would not have preferred you before Giles

"And did she so?" Arthur Prostor's face beamed with pleasurs."
"Or I would not say so. My father's heart was set on Giles Ell.s—but my mother likes thee best."

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Arthur Proctor clasped her hand fervently. "Trust me to serve you both. I could not rest until I learned the truth concerning this wild rumor from your own lips. The very air is turdened, poisone with malice and folly of all kinds. Old women's gossip, children's talk, matters men should not repeat in earnest become as grave as though the earnest, become as grave as though the breath of life depended on it. Now that I know how it lies with you I will go straight to the Marshal and get his ear. I will find him at Thomas Beadles' tavern, I dare say. 'Tis there all the gossips gather-except such as wear women's clothes," added Proctor, scornfully.

"Beware of Giles Ellis."
"Why should I beware of Giles Ellis?" "Because he left me with an evil look.

He will not harm me. He will wreak his hatred on some one dear to me, I know. 'Tis in his heart, and he has the "Let him try his worst with me. I defy

him. "You do well to keep up a stout heart. "And do you, too, keep up a slout heart."

Now I'll away to the tavera and see what A moment her hand was clasped firm-ly, then Janet Lee stood alone, signing.

saying to herself: "I must keep up a stout heart. Trouble never comes singly. Poor Uncle Martin. This will be worse than all. How it will end heaven only knows!" She pondered long, then walked to the dresser, and, taking some cakes from the plate, hastily concealed them, but not so quickly as to escape the lynx eyes of Ezra Easty, who stood near the window observing her in obedience to the com-mand of Ann Bigger. He waited outside until Jauet entered the adjoining room,

then, seeing the way clear, entered and approached the dresser, smiling grimly over his discovery. He was looking at the cakes when John Lee came upon him so suddenly that the apprentice started. His master demanded, in stern

What now, Ezra?" "I was looking at the cakes."
"Do not add lying to theft."

"I am no li r. There there; sav no more. You only make a worse of it.

"Go, go, before Dorothea come Cease, I say. We will discuss this after prayers."

The apprentice's face was wrathful as he seated himself in his usual corner, for Dorothea Lee, enter ng at that mo-ment, lit the rushlight and placed it on the table. Janet and Ann, following her into the room, sea'ed themselves, while John Lee sat with bent head, his thoughts seemingly far away. He held his spec-tucles idly in his hands many minutes, a thing unusual. Rousing himself at last, belooked about him, and in a stern voice

'I will read a less on from the Book of

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The Horse in Battle. A N officer of experience, writing on the behavior of horses in battle, "When it says: comes to battle, a horse seems to know everything that is

going on; but he does his duty nobly, and seems to be in his element. enters into the spirit of the battle like a human heing. He shows no fear of death, and it is singular that if his mate is shot down he will turn to look at him and seem pleased. A horse in my battery was once struck by a piece of shell which split his skull so that one side was loose. The driver turned him loose, but he walked up by the side of the gun and watched the firing. and when a shot was fired would look away in the direction of the enemy, as if to see the effect of the shot. When a shell would burst near by, he would calmly turn and look at it. When he saw his own team going back for ammunition, he ran back to his own place and galloped back to the caisson with the rest. When the lieutenant pushed him aside to put in another horse, he looked at the other one sorrowfully while he was being harnessed up, and when he seemed to realize that there was no further use for him he laid down and died. The lieutenant strongly asserted that he died of a broken heart.

-Court Journal. A LUMP of clay that is in the process of transformation to be made into a beautiful vase has to go through many different stages, and the earlier stages may not be, perhaps, at all beautiful or attractive. But the Potter knows what he is about, and the lump of clay must be content to be just as he would have it, and not as it would like to be itself.-H. W. S.

THERE were great political possibilities in the man Anauias. He lived at a wrong period when his strong points were not appreciated. Men of his ability have exerted considerable "inflooence," even in the last quarter of the nineteenth century.

THE NEWS.

Many Americans are gold prospecting in Mexico, and some rich finds are reported. -Thousands of Irishmen marched through a heavy rain in the parade in celebration of Irish Day at the World's Fair. Frank Millet, the director of decorations, tried to prevent the hoisting of the Irish flag on the Electricity Building, but after it had been bauled down twice by his orders, the council of administration ordered him not to disturb it, and it remained up the remainder of the day. -At a funeral in Kingston, Wis., the floor of the house in which the services were held gave way, and twenty persons were badly injured. — Dull times has caused the Auburn Woolen Company of Auburn, N. Y., to go into voluntary liquidation, and 459 operatives are thrown out of emp'oyment, -Robert T. Hunt shot and killed his wife in Indianapolis and then committed suicide .- Martin E. Boland, president of the Grand Rapids Typographical Union, committed suicide at his room taking morphine. At one time he owned and edited a newspaper in Kansas, and was once a member of the Kansas legislature .-- Dr. M. H. Fogelsong was convicted in Hi Isdale of having murdered his wile by poisoning her.

Lulu Beaudette, a girl of thirteen years, committed suicide; in Minneapolis. -- The Bucks county (Pa.) commissioners offered a reward of \$5.0 for the apprehension of the murderer or murderers of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel H. Righly. District Attorney Appleback is at work on several clues, but nothing has yet developed .--- Fred (lark, of City Farm, Pa., was held up by four men at McKeesport. At fl st one of the men asked Clark for fifty cents. On being refused he attacked Clark. His accomplices also commenced to beat Clark. A crowd soon gathered but the robbers escaped. They were subsequently captured .-- An attempt was made to wreck the Cincinnati express on the Vandalia line, near Staunton, in Clay county Ind. A rail had been removed and placed so as to throw the entire train down a ten-foot enbankment .-- Samuel G. Strothart killed his wife and himself in Pittsburg. --- The Augustus Lutheran Church at Trappe, Pa., celebrated its one hundred and fiftieth anni-

Nathaniel Catlin, aged ninety-seven years. father of Gen. Isaac S. Catlin, of Brooklyn, and father-in-law of ex-Secretary Tracy, died near Oswego, N. Y .-- George Walker probably the biggest man in the United States, died in Rockland, R. I -The steamer Vincenz) Flori, from Genoa, was refused permission to land at various ports, and now lies off Santos with its many cholera-stricken patients. --- A lumber trust has been formed in the West which takes in every lumber magnate doing business on the Mississippi and its tributaries. --- Two Chinamen ran amuck in a crowd in Chicago, seriously stabbed two men and cut another in the arm. -A special car on the Chicago and Grand Trunk road was wrecked in a collision. Henry A. Newland and wife were instantly killed, the porter seriously burt and others badly injured .- Mrs. Sarah Miller, of Dallastown, Pa., committed suicide. -- A crazy man, who imagined that the souls of himself and children were being sold on the Chicago Board of Trade, caused a panic in the ball by firing at the operators on the floor and the visitors in the galleries. Three persons were wounded, and the lunatic was knocked down and overpowered by one of the officers of the building.

The extensive stables of the Stark County Agricultural Association were destroyed by fire in Canton, Ohio, and with them perished thirty valuable head of cattle that were on exhibition at the fair. - The Supreme Court of Indiana decided that an act of the legislature legislating a court and attorney out of office is invalid .- William T. Trimmer, a baker, living in Lambertville, N. J., sprang off a moving train of the Belvidere division of the Pennsylvania Railroad at the Warrenstreet crossing in Trenton. One of his legs and both of his hands were cut off. He died within an hour .- It is officially denied that the Lachawanna has secured control of the Toledo, Ann Arbor and North Michigan road. It is further stated that it is the policy of the management not to own property west of Buffalo .- The Consumer's Oil Company, with a capital stock of \$10,00), has filed a certificate of incorporation in the Hudson county (N. J.) clerk's office. The company's main office will be in New York with branches in Ohio and New Jersey. The directors of the company are; H. G. Stewart, of New York : Albion L. Page, of Stanley, N. J., and Walstein F. Donthist, of Columbus, Ohio.

DICASTERS AND CASUALTIES

PETER BECKER, a well-known citizen of Shenandoah, Pa., was killed by being struck by a train while walking on the Lehigh Valley Railroad track.

ENGINEER HOFFERBECKER and Fireman McMahon, of the Duluth and South Shore Railroad, were drowned in the bay at Marquette. Mich., by the caps zing of their skiff. A temporary bridge on South Ha stead street, near Archer avenue, Chicago, fell into the Chicago river, dragging down with it a dozen people. One man was killed and the

others were rescued uninjured. AT Hazard, Neb., two boys, while trying to recover a ball, fell to the bottom of a well. The father of one of them was lowered into the well to rescue the boys, but when the three neared the top the rope parted, and

all iell to the bottom and were killed. A passenger train on the Mobile and New Orleans Road was wrecked at Gulf Port, Mississippi, by an open switch. Three colored tramps were killed, and one fatally injured. Six other men, all train bands, were also injured. The switch had been properly set, but had been tampered with by some scoun-

A belated express train on the Chicago and Grand Trunk Raiiroad was run into by another express at Bellevue, Michigan. A special car was wrecked and two persons-Henry A. Newland and wife, of Detroitwere killed. Five persons were injured, one a poster named William Castles, fatally. The cause of the disaster is attributed to the fact that there was no telegrapher at Olivet Station, near Believue, to signal trains.

MRS. BLAND, the wife of Silver Dollar Bland, is said to be as keen a free-siver advocate as her widely-known husband. She never misses a debate when this subject is

THE OLD DOMINION

A Day's Happenings As Told by The Wires.

FOREMAN TO BE HANGED.

Bristol's Big Real Estate Deal-Decker Gets Eight Years for Big-amy-The Vulcan Iron Works Goes Into the Hands of Receiver Wellford.

The courtroom was crowded & Petersburg at the trial of Charles V. Decker, formerly of Staten Island, N. Y., for bigamy. Two of the prisoner's wives were present at the trial. They were Mrs. Decker, formerly Miss Mary Emma Collins, of Gloucester county. whom D cker married July 1, 1887, in Baltimore, and Mrs. Decker No. 2, formerly Miss Mattie E. Beasley, of Petersburg, whom Decker married June 33, 1892.

The latter lady came into the court room close'y veiled, and once or twice sobbed aloud. She was accompanied by her father, Mr. W. A. B asley, and a lady friend. Decker himself was moved to tears as he looked first

at one and then at the other of his wives. The jury found Decker guilty, acd fixed his punishment at eight years in the state pen tentiary. Counsel for the defense moved to set aside the verdict on the ground that it was contrary to the law and evidence, which motion was overruled by the court. Decker is a son of John Decker, a well-to-do citizen of Staten Island, and is about thirty-seven years of age.

Weather Bulletin.

During the past seven days there has been more than the normal amount of sunshine; the temperature has also been decidedly above the normal for the season, averaging 7 to 8 degrees daily above. The first part of the week gave continued fair and dry weather over the greater portion of the State, foll, wed by local showers on Saturday evening and Sunday an i Monday. In the extreme southwest, where the rains had been light, ground has been dry for seeding wheat but in all other sections the weather conditions have been very favorable for all farm work. Late tobacco has improved slightly, and rapid progress has been made in cutting and curing tobacco. Corn cutting has been in progress, and fodder was being housel. Ploughing for wheat has continued, while much wheat has already been sown. A few report oats also being sown. In the northern sections the late potato crop is said to be a failure. In the eastern section the potato erop is reported as good. The peanut crop is being gathered, and in Prince George county the crop is reported to be good.

Bristol, (Va,) Real Estate.

just been admitted to record in the city | widely known.

\$25,0.0 cash in hand. The lots adjoin the lands of the Furnace with the fact that the furnace was erected largely by Philadelphia capital, has encouraged the people here considerably, as they hope something is meant by the deal that will be beneficial to Bristol. The furnace has been idle ever since its erection, and it is believed now that it will go into blast. It is also believed by many that the locomotive works design to put up some kind of works on the land Mr. Burnham purchased,

The Vulcan Iron-Works.

The Vulcan Iron-Works of Richmond went into the hands of a receiver. This was the result of action brought in the Chancery Court by the Citizen's Bink of Richmond against the company and T. Sedden Bruce, its president.

Mr. B. Rand Wellford was made receiver, and is ordered to take immediate possession of the property and make such disposition of it as may please the Court. Mr. Wellford qualified by giving bond in .the sum of

\$40,000. The Vulcan Iron Company is one of the best known iron manufacturing establishments in Richmond, making a specialty of

tolts and nuts. The Recent Oyster Case.

During the session of the Democratic Convention of Somerset county at Princess Anne, Md., the following resolution, bearing on the recent oyster case decision, was passed.

"It is the sense of this convention that the cases of the State of Virginia versus Robert L. Wharton and Severn Kelson, lately tried nor Brown is hereby requested to take the

Eold Marauders Near Danville.

A negro and a white man went to the house of J. T. Thompkins, a few miles from Danville, and finding Mr. Thompkins' daughter there, ordered her to prepare dinner for them. They were grossly insulting to the young lady and threatened her life if she failed to obey them. Under the pretense of going to get firewood to prepare the meal she got out of the house and fled to the woods near by, where her father was at work. When Mr. Thompkins reached the house the men had gone, but had broken up a quantity of furniture and had robbed a drawer and trunk of money and other valuables. The police are on the track of the marauders.

Loss of Diamond Rings.

Miss Mury V. Kinnear, of Lynchburg, who was visiting the family of T. W. Gilmore, in Roanoke, lost two diamond rings valued at \$80). She took them off to wash her hands, and left the room for a short time. On returnin; they were gone. Minnie Morgan, a servant employed in the house, was arrested-

Death of a Venerable Lady.

Mrs. Louisiana Wertenbaker, of Charlottesville, mother of Charles C. Wertenbaker, is dead at the age of eighty-eight years. Born in Caroline county, she came to the university in 1825, where four years later she was married to the late Mr. Werten' aker, whom Mr. Jefferson had appointed librarian, and who held that post until his death, a period of fifty-seven years.

Failure at Danville.

Tyree & Campbell, commission merchants Dauville, made an assignment for the benefit of creditors Limilities amount to \$733; assests \$1,717. Most of the creditors are in Virginia and North Carolina.

His Days Numbered. The motion of counsel in the Hustings Court of Portsmouth for a new trial in the case of William Foreman, who murderel Carrie Carrington last June, was overruled by the Court. Foreman was then ordered to stand upon the dock, and was sentenced by Julge A. S. Watts to be hangel in the jailyard of the Portsmouth prison on Friday, the 24th of November nex', between 10 and 2 o'clock. Foreman received his sentence in

VIRGINIA ITEMS.

the most unconcerned manner possible.

The Latest News Gleaned From Various Tait; of the State.

FIRE broke out in the roof of the branch factory of the Petersburg Peanut Company, on Lombard street. The west wing of the building is occupied by Joseph B. Worth, peanut dealer. That part of the building occupied by the Petersburg Peanut Company was burned to the ground and the other portion of the building was badly damaged. The loss on the building is \$3,000. The peanut company estimates their loss on stock and machinery at \$2,500, fully insured. The

origin of the fire is unknown. J. H. MEADE, of Dinwiddle county, aged flfty-five years, was run over by the arrow truck of the fire department, which weighs 7,00) pounds, and was fatally injured.

JUDGE MOFFETT, of the Roanoke County Court, ordered all the able-bodied prisoners in the county jail, with ball and chain accompaniment, to be taken out and put to work on the county roads. The position of auditor of the Virginia,

Tennessee and Georgia Air Line in Norfolk, having been abolished, Walter T. Franklin has been appointed contracting freight agent of the line, with headquarters at New W. T. SEIBERT was awarded \$3,000 dam-

ages against the Norfolk and Western Railroad for injuries received while his team was crossing the Lambert's Point track. MR. JAMES MAGNAR, who lives near Fairfax Court House, is one hundred and eleven years old. He was born in 1782 in county

Clare, Ireland, and came to this country in 1848. He is now rapidly failing. Col. David Edmundson died at his nome, Fotheringay, near Elliston, aged sixty-five A big deed to Bristol, (Va.) real estate has 'years. He was a prominent citizen and very His home, Fotheringay, clerk's office. The deed is made by William | considered one of the most hospitable houses McGeorge, Jr., cf Philadelphia, to George in Southwest Virginia. Co'onel Edmundson Burnham, of the firm of Burnham, Parr & was a gallant and brave soldier during the Co., owners of the Baldwin Locomotive war. He was educated at the Virgin'a Mili-Works, of Philadelphia. The real estate tary Institute, and when the war begun was embraced in the sale consists of eighty-three | made captain of a company in the Fourth lots in West Bristol, and the price paid is Virginia Infantry, a part of the celebrated Stonewall Brigade. Toward the close of the war he was promoted to the position of lieu-Company. This fact, taken in connection tenant-colonel of the Twenty-first Virginia Cavalry, the regiment commanded by Col. William E. Peters, the present professor of

Latin at the University of Virginia. He leaves a son and two daughters. A singular death is reported from Spice Creek, the victim being a ten-year-old daughter of John Mills, who had eaten a large quantity of chestnu's. On being told they were poisonous and she had better try get rid of them, she made an effort to vomit, bursting a blood vessel and bleeding to death

before medical aid could be procured. THE tobacco raisers of Caroline county have commenced cutting their crops. The quality of tobacco is excellent and the yield

THE sawmill belonging to Messrs. Hunter Bros. & Co., near Carmel Church, in Caroline county, was destroyed by fire. This is the second mill this firm has lost by fire within the past two months.

The democrats of Richmond and Lancaster counties have nominated Mr. Howard Hathaway for the Legislature.

JAMES E. TYLER, the well-known Richmond Jewelry dealer, made an assignment. A deed was recorded in the Chancery Court, in which John Pickrell is named as trustee, conveying all of the stock, &c. The liabilities are placed at about \$28,000. The assets are unknown. Among the debts placed in the second class is \$15,767 42 due Miss Annie M.

Tyler for borrowed money.

Quire a number of discharges among the iron-workers of the Norfolk navy-yard have taken place recently, and many first-rate workmen have been reduced to second rate, caused doubtless, by the advanced condition in the United States Court, in which the of the work on the new ships. The first ship oyster interests and grounds of this State of the new navy built at the Norfolk yard, were concerned, should be appealed to the the steel cruiser Raleigh, will be ready for sea Supreme Court of the United States. Gover- within four or five months if her armament arrives. Her officers will soon be selectednecessary steps to accomplish that purpose. All the men who can well work on the battleship Texas, are pushing ahead, but it will doubtiess be twelve months before her trial trip to sea. A good force is steadily en. gaged on the double-turreted monitor Amphitrite, bolting and securing the heavy

armor put on her while in the dry dpck. THOMAS POWDER, of Ronnoke, while under the influence of liquor, attempted to commit suicide by taking an ounce of laudanum in the presence of his wife and children without a word of explanation. Physicians were hastily summoned and by the application of heroic remedies the patient was soon pronounced out of danger.

THERE was a bad "tall end" collision of two freight trains on the Norfolk and Western Railroad about two miles west of Burkeville, near where a washout occurred several days ago. Eight cars loaded with general merchandise were very badly wrecked and their contents scattered in every direction-One locomotive was overturned and thrown down a steep embankment, and the track torn up for some distance. In consequence of the wreck, all trains were delayed several

CLEVELAND'S POSITION

On the Financial Question Clearly Set Forth.

OPPOSED TO FREE COINAGE.

is a Friend of Silver But a Re-ad-Justment of the Currency is Necessary-A Sound and Staple Dollar-Favors Immediate Repeal.

The Atlanta Constitution printed the following letter from President Cleveland to Governor Northen, in which the President states his position on the financial question at some length.

The letter is in reply to one written by Governor Northen on the 15th instant.

The Governor refuses to give his letter cut for publication, but it is known that he presented a graphic condition of the political situation in Georgia and the South, and urged upon the President the expediency of a public utterance from him, more comprehensive than his recent message, as to the proper policy to be pursued by Congress upon questions affecting the stringency of the times and the needs of the people.

It is understood in his letter Governor Northen pointed out inroads being made in the I emocratic party by the Populists by re son of the neglect or delay on the part of the Democratic majority in Congress to meet legislation on the line of the party platform an I pledges. He dwelt especially upon the financial condition and political unrest of the farmers of the South, who constitute so great a proportion of the Demogracy. The President's reply to that letter was as

THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER. EXECUTIVE MANSION, Washington, D. C .-Hon. J. W. Northen .- My Dear Sir : I hardly know how to reply to your letter of the 15th just. It seems to me I am quite plainly on record concerning the financial question. My letter accepting the nomination to the Presidency, when read in connection with the message lately sent to Congress in extraordinary session, appears to me very explicit. I want a currency that is stable and safe in the bands of our people. I will not knowingly be implicated in a condition that will justly make me in the least degree answerable to any laborer or farmer in the United States for a shrinkage in the purchasing power of the dollar he has received for a full dollar's worth of the product of his toil. I not only want our currency to be of such a character that all kinds of dollars will be of equal purchasing power at home, but I want it to be of such a character as will demonstrate abroad our wisdom and good faith, thus placing us upon a firm foundation and credit among the nations of

want good, sound and stable money, and a condition of confidence that will keep it in Within the limit of what I have written I am a friend of silver, but I believe its proper place in our currency can only be fixed by a readjustment of our currency legislation and the inauguration of a consistent and comprehensive financial scheme. I think such a thing can only be entered upon profitably and hopefully after the repeal of the law

the earth. I want our financial conditions

and the laws relating to our currency safe

and reassuring that those who have money

will spend and invest it in business and new

enterprises instead of hoarding it. You can-

not cure fright by calling it foolish and un-

reasonable, and you cannot prevent the

frightened man from hoarding his money. I

In the present state of the public mind this law cannot be built upon or patched in such a way as to relieve the situation. I am, therefore, opposed to the free and unlimited coinage of silver by this country alone and independently, and I am in favor of the immediate and unconditional repeal

which is charged with all our financial woes.

of the purchasing clause of the so-called Sherman law. I confess I am astonished by the opposttion in the Senate to such prompt action as would relieve the present unfortunate situ-

My daily prayer is that the delay occasioned by such opposition may not be the cause of plunging the country into deeper depression than it has yet known, and that the Democratic party may not be justly held responsible for such a catastrophe.

Yours very truly, GROVER CLEVELAND.

TO KEEP OPEN THE FAIR,

Railroads Will Support the Directors in Prolonging the Exhibition.

remain open two weeks in November and Western lines at least will co-operate to aid the stockholders by quoting cent a mile rates and less from all points. That is a State secret, but will be brought

The World's Fair is practically certain to

about through the desire of the directors to make at least a million dollars for the stock-Railroads own a large block of the stock and will be helping themselves in making

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low rates for what will be new business.

'The World's Record Beaten in the Infantry Competition.

The infantry competition of the United States Army at Fort Sheridan, Chicago, has closed. The total scores were not only the highest ever made by the riflemen of this country, but they led the world's high-est record. Sergeant R. N. Davidson, of the Sixteenth Infantry, made 621, which is thirty-two shead of the highest score on the records of the best marksmanship in the world. Second Lieutenant J. C. Gregg of the Sixteenth Infantry made a score of 603, and Sergeant Thomas O'Rourke, Fifteenth Infantry, 600. The officials in charge of the competition announced that they openly challenge any Nation to compete with the